



SULLY SPOTLIGHT

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Events of Interest for March 2006

- ♦ **Tues., March 21 @ 7:30 p.m.— CAC meeting, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd.**
- ♦ **Thurs., March 30 @ 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.-Neighborhood Watch training, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard**

Officer Thomas Tilden Receives "Officer of the Quarter" Award




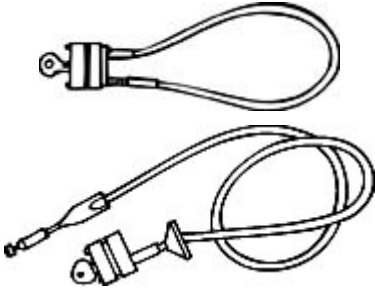
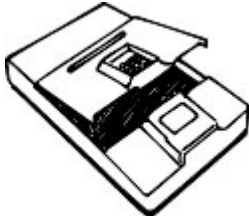
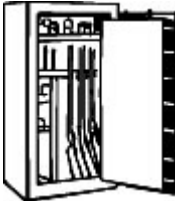

Officer Tom Tilden (center) receiving award from Captain Susan Culin (left) and CAC Chairman, John Werderman (right).

Officer Thomas Tilden was awarded "Officer of the Quarter" by the Citizens' Advisory Committee at the February 21 meeting. Officer Tilden was recognized for his work in two separate cases. The first case was a reported carjacking. Upon investigating the case, Officer Tilden determined that the victim filed a false police report in order to cover the fact that he wrecked his own car while intoxicated. The second case was a murder that occurred in the Fair Oaks District. Officer Tilden was on patrol when the description of the murder suspect was broadcast. Since he was patrolling near the border of the two districts, Officer Tilden decided to check nearby shopping centers for the suspect. Officer Tilden located the murder suspect to the rear of a shopping center and was able to arrest the suspect without incident.

We congratulate Officer Tilden for a job well done!

OPTIONS FOR SECURELY STORING FIREARMS



METHOD	FEATURES	COMMENTS
TRIGGER LOCK 	<p>Widely available, can effectively block trigger but does not prevent loading.</p>	<p>Caution: should never be used on a loaded gun because it can cause the gun to fire under certain circumstances; can't be used on lever-action firearms; keys and combinations must be kept away from children and other unauthorized persons.</p>
CABLE LOCK 	<p>Widely available, can be used on most firearms, and can also be used to lock a gun to a solid object.</p>	<p>Be sure to install according to directions, not around trigger! Keys and combinations must be kept away from children; cable can be cut.</p> <p>Cable locks are offered free at all Fairfax County District Police Stations.</p>
LOCK BOX (MECHANICAL & ELECTRONIC) 	<p>Conceals and protects guns.</p>	<p>Provides secure storage for loaded or unloaded firearm, but in electronic models batteries will need replacement; depending on size, locked box can be stolen; keys and combinations must be kept away from children and other unauthorized persons.</p>
GUN SAFES 	<p>Most secure storage for multiple guns.</p>	<p>Certain models are heavy, expensive; keys and combination must be kept away from children and other unauthorized persons.</p>
DISASSEMBLING 	<p>Creates a condition where gun cannot be fired.</p>	<p>Not possible with all guns; requires knowledge of correct assembly and disassembly procedures; don't lose the parts.</p>

RECALL ALERT!

NEWS from CPSC

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Office of Information and Public Affairs

Washington, DC 20207

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 8, 2006
Release #06-086

Simplicity Inc. Recall Hotline: (800) 784-1982
CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772
CPSC Media Contact: (301) 504-7908

RECENT DEATH PROMPTS RENEWED SEARCH FOR SIMPLICITY CRIBS WITH GRACO LOGO

WASHINGTON, D.C. – After the death of a 19-month baby in Myrtle Creek, Ore., the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and Simplicity Inc., of Reading Pa., are renewing the search for recalled Aspen 3 in 1 Cribs with Graco logos. The child died on January 6, 2006, after two of the mattress support slats came out of his recalled crib. He became entrapped between the mattress and the footboard of the crib and suffocated.

CPSC and Simplicity Inc. announced the recall of about 104,000 Aspen 3 in 1 Cribs on December 21, 2005. The recall was conducted because the screws on the wooden mattress supports can come loose, allowing a portion of the mattress to fall. This poses a suffocation hazard to young children who can slide down and become entrapped between the unsupported mattress and end of the crib.

Prior to the report of this death, Simplicity Inc. received 14 reports of the mattress supports coming loose, including eight reports of entrapment. Five injuries were reported including scratches and bruises to the face and head, a strained neck and a report of a child turning blue.

Although the Graco logo appears on these products, the cribs were manufactured by Simplicity Inc. Consumers should only contact Simplicity about this recall.

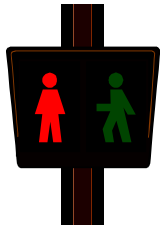
The recalled cribs are made of wood and have wooden mattress supports. Only cribs with wooden mattress supports and with model number 8740KCW SC and serial number 2803 SC (made the 28th week of 2003) to 1605 SC (made the 16th week of 2005) are included in this recall. The model and serial number are printed on the envelope attached to the mattress support.

The recalled cribs were sold in department and children's product stores from August 2003 through May 2005 for about \$130.

To receive a free repair kit or for more information, contact Simplicity Inc. at (800) 784-1982 anytime, or visit the Web site at www.simplicityforchildren.com

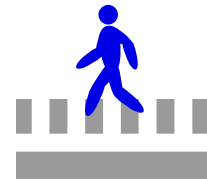
<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06086.html>





Traffic Trivia

CROSSWALKS



The Code of Virginia defines a “crosswalk” as “that part of a roadway at an intersection included within the connections of the lateral lines of the sidewalks on opposite sides of the highway measured from the curbs or, in the absence of curbs, from the edges of the traversable roadway; or any portion of a roadway at an intersection or elsewhere distinctly indicated for pedestrian crossing by lines or other makings on the surface.”

Who is required to stop for pedestrians entering or in a crosswalk? Does the pedestrian have any responsibility to make sure the street is clear and safe to cross?

Virginia Code §46.2-924 Drivers to stop for pedestrians; installation of certain signs; penalty. States in part:

A. The driver of any vehicle on a highway shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian crossing such highway:

1. At any clearly marked crosswalk, whether at mid-block or at the end of any block;
2. At any regular pedestrian crossing included in the prolongation of the lateral boundary lines of the adjacent sidewalks at the end of a block;
3. At any intersection when the driver is approaching on a highway or street where the legal maximum speed does not exceed 35 mph.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this section, at intersections or crosswalks where the movement of traffic is being regulated by law-enforcement officers or traffic control devices, the driver shall yield according to the direction of the law-enforcement officer or device. No pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic. The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing, or turning at intersections shall change their course, slow down, or stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and expeditiously. Pedestrians crossing highways at intersections shall at all times have the right-of-way over vehicles making turns into the highways being crossed by the pedestrians.

Virginia Code §46.2-923 How and where pedestrians to cross highways. States in part:

When crossing highways, pedestrians shall not carelessly or maliciously interfere with the orderly passage of vehicles. They shall cross, wherever possible, only at intersections or marked crosswalks. Where intersections contain no marked crosswalks, pedestrians shall not be guilty of negligence as a matter of law for crossing at any such intersection or between intersections when crossing by the most direct route.

It is important to remember that pedestrians have the right-of-way when in a crosswalk. Pedestrians need to use good judgment upon entering a crosswalk.

Whichard v. Nee, 194 Va. 83, 72 S.E.2d 365 (1952): Not even at a street crossing, or intersection, where the pedestrian has a right-of-way, does he have the right to carelessly enter or cross the intersection regardless of approaching traffic.

Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for the child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians?

Next available dates: Thursday, March 9, 2006
Thursday, March 23, 2006
Tuesday, March 28, 2006

5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.



No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you may call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.



Neighborhood Watch Training Scheduled

Neighborhood Watch training will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2006, for any current Neighborhood Watch that has new members. The training will be held 7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m. at the Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. In order to participate in Neighborhood Watch, new members must attend training given by the Sully District Police Station Crime Prevention Office. If there is not an active Neighborhood Watch in your neighborhood, contact the Crime Prevention Office (703-814-7018) to start a Watch for your community.



CAC CORNER

The Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) will meet Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard. Topics to be covered at the CAC meeting include DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) checkpoints and general traffic overviews of trends in the county, i.e., fatal crashes and juvenile crashes involving alcohol and speed. If you live or work in the Sully District, you are encouraged to attend this meeting. Your voice does make a difference. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Sully District Police Station
4900 Stonecroft Boulevard
Chantilly, VA 20151

Main Phone 703-814-7000
Fax 703-814-7013

File a Report on Line
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/homepage.htm

Aggressive Driving—
Report Online at
https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm



PHONE NUMBERS

Fairfax County Crime Solvers :
1-866-411-TIPS

Fairfax County Police Non-Emergency:
703-691-2131

Sully District Crime Prevention Office:
703-814-7018

Child Car Seat Installation:
Sully District Station
703-814-7000 x 5140

SAFE (Self Defense Class)
703-246-7806

Citizen Reporting System (for reports only)
703-464-4756

CRIME FLASH

Gym Locker Thefts



Over the last few weeks, there has been an increase in thefts from gym lockers in the Sully District. Some lockers were locked, others were not. Locks from the facilities were used in most cases where the lockers were initially locked. If you are going to use a public gym, there are a few safety precautions you should take regarding your personal belongings.

First, take a lock with you. If you cannot keep a key with you during your workout, use a combination lock. Combination locks decrease the likelihood that someone will enter your locker. Laying your key down on a bench while working out is an open invitation to a thief. Several of the above mentioned thefts involved the key being left on a bench by the victim. When you lock your locker, make sure it is closed tightly. Check it before you leave the locker room.

Do not get out of your car at the gym and place your personal belongings in the trunk. Thieves sit in parking lots and watch patrons to see who puts what in their trunks. They are then followed in to the gym. When the patron is working out, the locker is broken into and car keys removed. The thief then goes to the car and removes the items. If you are going to the gym from work, place your belongings in the trunk *before* reaching the gym parking lot.

Take as few items as you can to the gym. The fewer items you have with you, including cash, credit cards and cell phones, the less chance you will have of becoming a victim of theft. Do you really need to carry all of your credit cards with you every day? This helps not only at the gym but in your everyday life as well. Credit cards that get used only occasionally can be stored safely at home until you have a need for them. Carry minimal cash on you. Do you really need to carry a large quantity of money on a regular basis? Condense what you carry every-day.

If you do have items stolen from you, make a report immediately to police.

